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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Debra Proctor, NEPA Coordinator
Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
Great Divide Ranger District
P.O. Box 896
Hayward, Wisconsin 54843

Re: Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Twin Ghost Project, Great Divide Ranger District, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, Ashland, Bayfield, and Sawyer Counties, Wisconsin - EIS No. 20100439

Dear Ms. Proctor:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above-mentioned project in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

EPA assigned a rating of "Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information" to the Draft EIS in our January 6, 2010 letter. Our comment letter recommended that a revised cumulative impacts analysis include the nearby Honey Creek-Padus project. The revised Final EIS incorporated the Honey Creek-Padus project into appropriate resource areas where cumulative effects analysis areas overlapped geographically. The response included in the Final EIS addresses our previous request.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kathleen Kowal of my staff at (312) 353-5206 or via email at kowal.kathleen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth A. Westlake", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Kenneth A. Westlake, Chief
NEPA Implementation Section
Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance

cc: Jim McDonald, Regional Environmental Coordinator, USFS, Milwaukee, WI